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too late. I would like to ask Senator Sieck a question if he will yield.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Sieck.

SENATOR SIECK: Yes, Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Senator Sieck, you are on the Constitution Revision Committee, aren't you?

SENATOR SIECK: Yes, I am.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay, I understand that Chief Justice Krivosha testified and did he tell the committee that he felt that the judges are a little bit better than the ordinary people, they are a higher standard?

SENATOR SIECK: Yes, Judge Krivosha, when I said, "Everyone makes a mistake," came back at me with the question that the judge was above everyone else, that they never made a mistake. This is sort of hard for me to accept. Everyone of us is human and they are subject to a mistake as anybody else and this was a little bit difficult for me to swallow.

SENATOR HEFNER: Well thank you, Senator Sieck. So you can see that they feel that they are on a higher level than some of the rest of us. I feel that records on judges discipline should be open to the public. The public should know all about this. I ask this body again, why should judges be shielded when other public officials are not, and this constitutional amendment would accomplish this. I urge you to support the amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vard Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I rise in opposition to LR 235. I think what I am going to say is hard to say but I think it is true. It is correct that judges are human. You and I know that a judge is first of all, a man if the judge be male, or a woman if the judge be female. And you and I know that a judge has the same weaknesses and shortcomings and failings as all humans have